COBBETT'S POLITICAL REGISTER OF DECEMBER 24.

TO THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, ON THE AMERICAN WAR.

My Lond,

at last, that this American War may the part of Mr. Madison, or rather the think that they are addressing it to men prove an unfortunate thing. If your Lord- Congress. For, my Lord, tho't Johnny little superior to brutes. It was imposship recollects, I taunted Johnny Bull, Bull, wise Johnny, whose generosity sible that the Americans could know louted him and gibed, when, at the outset would put all other nations into his own where Napoleon was, when they declarof this war, he crowed and cock-crowed, happy state; though wise and generous ed war. It was in:possible that their at the idea of giving the Yankees a good John talks about Mr. Madison's hostility, war should really aid him in his designs er. Capt. Robinson, all late of the Presidrubbing. If your lordship recollects it is, in fact, the hostility of the Congress; against Russia. It was against their inthat I flouted wise John and told him, that, that is to say, the hostility of the people; terest that Russia should be crushed by at any rate, I hoped, if he was resolved because the Congress are the real, and any power, and especially by France.to enjoy this sport, he would never let not the sham, representatives of the peo- The other charge, that America, "like ed this city last evening in the Accomome hear him say a word about the Proper- ple; and, because, the Congress, who an assassin, attacked us in the dark," is dation Stage. Income Tax. I knew, from the begining, have been chosen during the war, and open declaration of war by a L gislative struck to the Pomone and Tenedos frithat I should see him galled here. I just before it. The Members of the Assembly, after repeated discussion, be gates, having previously completely siknew I should have him upon his hip; Congress do not purchase their seats; an act describing such a description?and here I have him; for he is now ery- no seats can be bought or sold; none of How could that be called an attack in that Commodore Becatur surrendered ing out against the Tax, as loud as a pig the Members can get any thing for them- the dark, especially when it had been his sword to the Captain of the Majestic under the knife of a butcher, though he, selves, or families. by their votes. So threatened for years, and when it was (razee,) the Commodore of the British m. In short, so that he is safe himself, the people did decide, that they would peace? and pays nothing, his delight is in seeing resist, by force of arms, the impressment war desolate the rest of the world. But of their seamen. Le does not like to pay. Rather than pay, The people here generally believe what origin. This origin must not be forgot- dymion her fore and main-masts, and Eng at peace, and of ceasing to bleed.

That so amiable a personage should ver complained of such impressments; of course, be matter of regret with his before, the war was declared, complaints, before us. Briends, and must remind them of the and most bitter complaints, had rung maxim, that, as virtue alone is not, in all through the country, against these imcases, sufficient to insure happiness in pressments. Letters from the impressthis world, the virtuous afflicted ought ed persons were published without end. chiefly to rely on the world to come .- Affidavits proving the facts. Represen-This sort of reliance is very suitable to tations enough to make a nation mad Johnny, at this time; for he has not giv- with resentment; enough to drive even on the Yankees a de bbing; and yet the Quakers to arms. None of these hav Income Tax sticks to him like bird-lime. our newspapers ever copied. None of The Times newspapers cheer him, in these have they ever made known to deed, by telling him, that he is causing their readers. They have published the the Yankees to hay taxes; that, though harangues of Goodloe Harper H. G. Otis, e so sorely feels himself, he does not poor Timothy Pickering, and other suffer in vain; for that he is making oth- would-be Noblesse. They have given ers suffer too. To be sure, this is a con- us every thing from the free press of Asoling reflection; but still it is not quite merica, at all calculated to cause it to be sufficient to reconcile him to the conti- believed that the war is unpopular there; nuation of the Income Tax, seeing that, but not a word on the other side; not a when called on for the money, he some- word to let us see what were the real times forgets the delight of seeing others sentiments of the majority of the republic. suffer, which he has enjoyed for his mo- I will now lay before your Lordship some

pions of civil and political liberty. So are. that, when we came to the close, leaving the Franch nearly as we found them, not seeing tythes, monks, game laws, ga- pied from the newspapers, of impressed beiles, corvees, bastiles, or seigneurial American seamen.]

We were at war with France, America blood of America was set boiling with mothy Pickering, who had been, to the Secretary of the Navy I ney maintained throughout the day the was neutral. We not only exercised such publications. The vote of Congress astonishment of all the world, his Scereour known right of stopping American for the war was the most popula vote e- trury of state, who was no more fit for merchant ships at sea, to search them for ver given by that body. It is, therefore, the office, than your coachman would be enemy's goods, for troops in the enemy's of vast importance that these publications fit for yours, and who, o course, was in- SIR, service, and for goods contraband of war should be counteracted if possible. They ordinately proud of his sudden and unexfor awhile, at a time of great danger .- fered.

roved of the war. for us. These are fects which can never think, that we should be very quiet? ---sepen war, if we nemericad. We did ricens h

strance, he, or rather the two Houses of have the real cause of that war, which, fore keep on barking; but, my Lord, be boats, and every article that could Congress, the real representatives of the it is said, is now to engage a hundred assured, that they are wholly unable to be got at, keeping the sails wet from the people of America, declared war against thousand men, two hundred ships of war, bite.

be would give the world a chance of be- that infamous print, the Times newspaper. tell them, that the people of America neof the complaints of the impressed Ame-But now, my Lord, leaving wisc John-ricans, as published in the American my, amiable & honest Johnny, to his taxes newspapers; for, I am convinced, that and his hopes of giving the Yankees a even you are not acquainted fully of the drubbing, permit me to remind your nature and tone of those complaints, and, Lordship, briefly, of the origin of this at any rate, the publication should, if war; for, if I have life to the end of it, possible, be rebutted on our part, seeing, this origin shall not be forgotten. It is that they must produce such hatred of us necessary, at every stage, to keep it stea- in the minds of the people of America, as dily in view for, unless we do this, we will, if no by some means mollified. lead shall be wholly "bothered" out of it at to a never ceasing hostility. Your Lordlast, as we were in the case of the French ship will perceive, that these statements are sent forth with all the forms of judi- of ships of war, and the fitting out of the 24th Dec. The war against France was a war a- cial acts; that they consist of statements frivet rs - I'm leaving of New London, the Endymion) within gun shot. Thus situgainst principles at first; it then became made on oath; that these statements a war of conquest; and it ended in being are certified by legal magistrates, whose a war for deliverance. We set out with names are affixed to them; and that, of accusing our enemy with being danger- course, they are calculated to have great molested ports and all, gave three cheers; next without a chance of escape left, I deemed ours, as disorganizers of ancient Govern- weight with the public. It is not a bad ments; and we ended with accusing way to make the case our own; to supthem of being dangerous, as despets. pose such complaints made in our papers The French were too free for us at the against America or any other nation; beginning, and too much enslaved for us and, then, to judge of the effect that those at the end; and it was so contrived as to complaints would make on the people of make more than half the world believe, England, recollecting that the Americans that the Cossacks were the great cham- are not base and cowardly more than we

Here follow several depositions, co-

sourts re-established, we had spent more | Now, my Lord, I do not say that these man; but, after he was put out of office, sloop of war, for New Orleans, on the 500 he force opposed to them been in any drang thousand millions of hounds in a statements are true. In spite of all the he seems to have abandoned himself to Feb .- After the arrival of the Brambie, degree equal. war, of the first object of which we had particular detail of names, dates and the revenge which his disappointment the further embarka ion of troops was It is with extreme pain I have to inmolly lost sight. We will not nave it places; in spite of oaths and certificates, created. He had not the virtue to follow suspended. object to be lost sight of. Nobody, as war, we surely ought to endeavour to as President, by Mr. Jefferson, said, "I on the 38 .." this point, shall be able to "bether" prove, that some, at least, of these state- only wished to obtain a majority of voices, by historian who is disposed to speak the ments are faise. The republican news- that I might serve my country, and now papers teem, and teemed long before the I shall endeavor to serve it by support-The war with America arose thus- war, with publications of this sort. The ing him, who has that majority." Ti- Copy of a letter from Con modere DE- Lieu chants Shubrick and Galagher.

ships upon the high seas, and impressed merce agreeably to the laws of neutrali- chasing. called upon us to cease this practice. to set us in a flame, are we to suppose, respecting the persons named, of too considerably; we immediately occupied bled condition, obliged to throw over We did not cease. His epeatedly threa- that they have had no effect on the Ame- gross a character to be copied into our last hands to lighten the ship, by a arting board all of her upper deck on the

and which cannot cost less than twenty Here, then, is the cause of the war; the millions a year. It has been asserted, sole cause of the war; war, long threat- that the Congress declared war against ened, and, at last, frankly declared, previ- us to assist Napoleon on the Continent. The nation begin to suspect, ous to any hostile ac or movement on This is so foolish, that the writers must by Tax, or, what he vulgarly calls the declared, and who now support the war, equally false and toolish. How could an t the same time, seems to have no ob that, when they decide, it is, in reality, a followed immediately by an offer for a squadron. ection to the work of slaughtering going majority of the prople who decide: and, truce, in order again to negociate for

> out of our hands. When the wer shall masts. have ended, and we shall sit down to count | We also learn, that the account of the

ing to persuade us, that there will be a the Com. sailed. Government, att. will form an altiance I captured. very quickly be decorned, not with coats | mada. of arms, but with coas of tan bad frathers: The people of New Eur land are been, or, at least a part of henry sur ulated by very cushing them, wo & violent,

opposition against Ma prison and the WAR. But only le thanker, the real objects of the Pickerings the Orises, to the Quincys, &c. and the fall of the se mi is as certain as the retuin of Spring at ter Winter. It is not my a large majoriwith the Opposition, even there. What man in his senses, then, can seur privateer.

ings, the Otises, &c. I really believe night

But, hang them! my Lord, they are not "The frigate Statira had arrived at presence and almost under the guns of so worth your notice. They talk big, and Bernuda from New Orleans and Amelia vasily a superior force, when, too, it was hold themselves out as of great const- Island, with information of the defeat of almost self evident, that whatever their quence; but they are poor things. In the British at the former place, and to exertions might be, they must ultimates deed, my lord, they are. Timothy Pick- obtain reinforcements A Gen. and part ly be captured, will be taken as evidence bering used to be thought a very honest of the 27th regt, sailed in the Florida, of what they would have performed, had

persevere; and, after years of rement. Here, my Lord, as you well know, we Walpole used to boast. They will there-ling everbeard provisions, sables, spale

I am, &c. &c. WM. COBBETT.

NEW YORK, FEB. 25.

Com. Decatur arrived at New London on Wednesday morning, in the Narcissus frigate, Capt. Gordon, from Bermuda, in 14 days.

Lieut. Sherbrick, midshipman Cream-. the schooner Armistice, of this port) also arrived in the Pactolus frigate, & reach-

We learn verbally, that the President lenced the fire of the Endymion, and

We farther learn, that in the action, the President lost 24 men killed, and 45 wounded. Enemy's loss not known. In Here we have the real origin of the the severe gale after the action, the ten, whatever efferes are made to put it both went into Berniuda under jury

thems wes unt indent of the Gen rat Bermuda, nor was it known that she was

with old sagland. Now, my Lord, Since the above was in type, we resition be seriously med by the triends of Williams, late coranander of the schr. be Noblesse of Massacrustic, may will on Wednesday last, in 16 days from Ber-

> New York, Priday evening. ADVERTISER.

Gentlemen,

likely to answer, is, that of decerving us, and of the island, with despatches from on the larboard bow, within musket shots and inducing us to leave the New Eng- England for all Admirals and command- the other about two cables' length astern, land scapores suf places for the building ders on this coast. She left England on taking a raising position on our quarter s

the Union unmoiested, while we attack news of the Treaty being ratified, had attack, with about one-fifth of my crew kilthe Southern States, is just reached the Superb, who communi- led and wounded, my ship crippled, and a America. She has, in New England, un cated it to the Pactolus, when all hands, more than four fold force opposed to me, to send torth ships of war to amoy our day dressed the ship with colors, and fir- it my duty to surrender. trade and engage our navy, & into which ed a royal salute at nine and one o'clock, It is with emotions of pride, I bear to carry her rich prizes. The Picker and was to be inuminated the first fine testimony to the gallantry and steadiness

on board the Pactoius, and treated polite. satisfied that the fact of their having bea-

WASHINGTON, MAROR 1.

H. B. M Ship ENDYMIC . ? | actions. At sea, Jan. 18, 18.5.

which species of search, and of seizure, are either true or false; if the last r, as I pected elevation, became furious at the the prefeded & long as the enemy continued within muse to case of deduction, Mr. Madison did not would fain hope, they can be easily re- election of Mr. Jefferson, and has ever led to the capture of the late U. States' ket range. oppose either by word or deed. This futed; if true, which it would be shock- since been in a sort of mad fit, doing a frigate President, by a squadron of his; Midshipman Randolph, who had charge was a meratime right, sometimes disputed ing to believe, certainly we ought to be hundred things, for cither of which, in Britannic Lajesty's ships (as per margin) of the forecastle division, managed it to Ly Russia, Holland, Denmark, and Swe- very ready & forward to make atonement England, he would be sent to jail for a las devolved upon mc. In my commu- my entire satisfaction. den; but never given up by us, except to the Americans for what they have suf- year or two at least. The touth is, that medican of the 14th, I made known to From Mr. Robinson, who was serving Mr. Adams had the fublic good solely in you my intention of proceeding to sea on as a volunteer, I received essential aid, This right was never disputed by Mr. Ma- These statements have, too, produced view, and that Timothy had an eye soicly that evening. Owing to some mistake particularly after I was deprived of the dison during the French war. The exer- another most serious effect. They have to his private interest. Hence the ex- of the pilots, the ship, in going out, services of the Master, & the severe loss cise of it he submitted to without com- filled the crews of the American ships actly opposite conduct of the two men, grounded on the Bar, where she continu- I had sustained in my officers on the plaint. This was our "right of search;" with implacable revenge. To the usual when the voice of the country put them jed to strike heavily for an hour and a quarter deck. and this right was enjoyed by us, without motives of patriotism & glory, they have both out of power. I am sure that your half; although she had broken several Of our loss in killed and wounded, I y complaint on his part; and this is the added the still more powerful motive of Lordship and your colleagues, especi- of her rudger braces, and had received an unable at present to give your conright which many people think he oppos- vengeance. Against crews, thus anima- ally your distinguished cottengue at such other material injury as to render rect state ment—the attention of the sured, and upon that ground they have up- ted, men under the influence of the mere Viewa, would scorn topurchase traitors her return into pe t desirable, I was un- geon being so entirely occupied with the fordinary motive to bravery, really cannot in any country; but if you were so dis- abie to do so from the strong westerly wounded, that he was unable to make out But the war had nothing to do with be expected to succeed without a great posed—it such men as the famous Capt. wind which was then blowing. It being a correct return when I left the Presihis right, any more than it had to do superiority of force. I leave your Lord- HENRY could possibly plevail on you to now high water, it became necessary to dent, nor shall I be able to make it until with our right of bringing coals from ship to suppose what would be the effect lay out any of our money, in this way, on florce her over the Bar before the tide our arrival in port, we having parted com-Newcastle to London. The war was de- of statements like these, if the case were the other side of the Atlantic, such men, fell- In this we succeeded by 10 o'clock, pany with the squadron yesterday. The clared by Mr. Madison against us, be- OURS. If we were at peace with all though so much applauted in the Times when we shaped our coarse along the enclosed list, with the exception, I lear, cause we stopped American merchant the world, and were carrying on our com- newspaper, would not be world your pur- shore of Long Island tot 50 miles, and of its being short of the number, will be then steered S. E. by E. At 5 o'clock, found correct. heofile out of them. We said, that we my, while the Americans were at war! This was the sort of stuff—this is the three ships were discovered ahead; we Fo 24 hours after the action it was did wis in order to recover our own seas with some other power; and if the Ame- rubbish which the squadron were ocmen, who were frequently found serving ricans were to impress Englishmen from rely upon for success against the Repub- sed two miles to the northward of them. cupied in repairing the crippled ships. these American ships; but it was no on beard English ships, bringing up coals lic! I beseech your Lordship to coals lic! I beseech your Lordship t torious, the fact was never denied, and from Newcastle to London, were not badly wounded, were put on never can be denied, that we impressed force them into their ships of war, com- ever was attempted to be palmed upon stern, the leading ship a razee—she com- board the different ships—myself and a thus great numbers of native America; and, in mankind. Mr Madison cannot vilence menced a fire upon us, but without ef- part of my crew were put on bea d this for earthem on board of our ships of war, short, to oceasion, in the English papers, these men. He has feet. At meridian, the wind became ship. On the 17th we had a gale from and competied mem to submit to our dis- statements such as I have above quoted. none of that poten drug, of the possessi- light and baffling, we had increased our the reastward, when this ship lost her signine, and to risk their lives in fighting If this were the case, does your Lordship on of which, Smollett tells us, Sir Robert distance from the razec, but the next ship bowsprit, fore and main masts and mizen astern, which was also a large ship, had top mast, all of which were badly woundbe denied. Mr. Madison, for years, And if such stetements would be likely | f The writer here advances opinions gained and continued to gain upon us ed, and was in consequence of her disa-

royals down. At 3, we had the wind quite light; the enemy, who had been joined by a brig, had a strong breeze, and were coming up with us rapidly.-The Endymion (mounting 50 guns, 24pounders on the main deck) had now approached us within gun shot, and had commenced a fire with her bow guas, which we returned from our stern. At 5 o'clock, she had obtained a position on our starboard quarter, within half point blank shot, on which neither our stern nor quarter guns would bear; we were now steering E. by N. the wind N. W. I remained with her in this position for half an hour, in he hope that she would close with us on our broadside, in which case I had prepared my crew to board, but from his continuing to yaw his ship en maintain his position, it became evident that to close was not his intention, Every fire now cut some of our sales or rigging. To have continued our course under these circumstances, would have been placing it in his power to cripple us, without being subject to injury timself, and to have hauled up more to the nortite ward to bring our stern guns to bear, would have exposed us to his raking fire. war. Terminate as it will, this was its President lost all her masts, and the En- It was now dusk, when I determined to alter my course south, for the purpose of bringing the enemy abeam, and altrough their ships astern were drawing up fast, meet with any rubs or crosses in life must but the truth is, that, long before, nears the cost, the crigin must be kept steadily defeat of the British army near N. Orleans throw him out of the combat before they had reached Be muda. The news of the could come up, and was not without The Times and Courier are still labor - peace was not known at Bermuda when hopes, if the night proved dark, (of which there was every appearance) that I might esparation of the American States; that The brig Macedonian, which sailed seill be enabled to effect my escape. the four New England States will declare with the President, had not arrived at Our opponent kept off at the same instant we did, and our fire commenced at the same time. We continued engaged steering south with steering sails set two I predge mysell, that, if any such propossed the following note from Captain hours and a half, when we completely succeeded in dismantling her. Previthe famous Cap Henny by the would- Armistice, who arrived at New London ously to her dropping entirely out of the action, there were intervals of minutes, when the ships were broadside & broadside, in which she did not fire a gun.-At this period (half past 8 o'clock,) al-"cesentially R publicans they have TO THE BDITORS OF THE MERCANTILE It ough dark, the other ships of the squad on were in sight and almost within gun shot. We were of course compelled to "I arrived this evening from abandon her. In resuming our former New London, where I landed from the course for the purpose of avoiding the fricate Pactelus, the Hon T. W Ayl- squadron, we were compelled to present n. r. commander, in 16 days from Ber- our stern to our antagonist-but such moda, in company with the frigat. Nor- was his state, though we were thus excissus, in which came Comm. Decaius posed and within range of his guns for ty that even the New England States op and Lieut. Sherbrick. Capt. Robinson, half an hour, he did not aveil him self of pose the war. It is barely "touch and go" late of the President, came in the Pacto- his favorable opportunity of raking us. lus, as did Mr. Baker, late of the Chas- We convinued this course until eleven o'clock, when two fresh ships of the chee And, indeed, the only purpose that it is da, the sch'r. Bramble ran on the west up. The Pomona had opered her fire

and the rest (with the exception of the

of every officer and man I had the honor "I was two months and eighteen days to command on this occasion, and I feel ten a force equal to themselves, in the

forn you that Lieuts. Babbit, Flamitton. thus, my Lord, with regard to the Ame- they may be talse; but as it is to such the example of his venerable employer, in The Endymion arrived at Bermuda and Howell, fell in the action They have Can War. We will not suffer its first statements that we owe this unfortunate Mr. Adams, who, upon being outvoted on the 25 h January, and the President left no officers of superior metic behind

If, sir, the issue Crais affair had been fortunate, I should have felt it my duty to have recommended to your a tention, preputation they had acquired in former

Lieut. Twiggs, of the Marines, displayed great zeal, his men were well The painful duty of cetailing to you supplied, and their fire incomparable, so

Water, outring away the anobors, throw-loss in killed and wounded must have